ABSTRACT

1   A multi-computer instant capacity on demand (iCOD) system enables a customer
2   to purchase computers with some assets inactive at a reduced price and to pool the total
3   assets across all of the computers on the customers computer network. Each computer in
4   the network transmits usage reports to a vendor database where the total number of
5   inactive assets are added up by class of assets to determine if the customer has paid for all
6   activated assets for all the computers on the network, rather than by individual computer.
7   The customers may further organize computers into clusters, where the assets are audited
8   by cluster rather than by individual computer or by the entire network. The network can
9   have more than one cluster.